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1. On 30 August 1951, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrawerstrasse, Schwerin (H 54/T46), quartered from 500 to 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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[redacted] The trucks were followed by three platoons of 33 soldiers each, obviously recruits, who were equipped with carbines, spades and landscape targets.

2. On 31 August, the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stellingstrasse was occupied by about 300 troops. Since the installation is surrounded by a high board fence, it could not be determined whether training activity was conducted there. Small groups of soldiers were frequently seen training in a small woods opposite the barracks installation. Twelve trucks carrying troops, some of them with radio sets, and 1 truck towing a field kitchen, were seen returning to the installation on 22 August, probably coming from a field exercise.

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3. On 30 August, the Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigsfluterstrasse quartered about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. There was much training activity in the barracks yard, predominantly rifle firing practice. Troops practised with six artillery pieces in the area opposite the barracks installation.

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4. On 30 August, the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsfluterstrasse was occupied to capacity by about 1,200 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. A railroad man stated that the unit returned to its quarters on 22 and 23 August. Twenty-four tanks, including 8 with, and 16 without, muzzle brakes, and 12 SP guns, apparently JSU-122 models, were parked in the barracks yard.

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5. On 31 August, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsstrasse quartered from 1,000 to 1,200 troops; at least one third of them were recruits. Sentries wore black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. About 300 to 400 troops, organized into groups of about 12 unarmed soldiers, received basic training in the barracks yard. About 600 to 800 more troops practiced with infantry weapons and mortars ~~in the area south of the barracks installation.~~

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6. On 26 August, it was learned from local residents that about 500 engineer troops were stationed at Goerries airfield. However, residents stated that only a rear detail of about 30 men of the unit were at the quarters at that time.

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10. No observations indicating the strength of troops at Goerries airfield were made on 23 August.

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~~Comment~~ [redacted] thirty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets stood nearby. In addition, four artillery pieces also of about 70-mm were seen. Twenty-five soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia stood near the four artillery pieces. *

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* [redacted] Comment. The barracks installations in Schwerin were more heavily occupied than in late July 1951, when the sources of paragraphs 1-8 and 9-10 last reported.

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